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SUBJ: 31ST HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION-INFORMAL WEO MEETING

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1. AT INVITATION OF DUTCH WEO MEMBERS OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (HRC) MET ON JAN 9 TO DISCUSS INFORMALLY ITEMS ON AGENDA OF FEB 1975 MEETING. PRESENT WERE REPS OF AUSTRIA, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, TURKEY, FRANCE, FRG, UK AND US. GROUND RULES CLEAR THAT REPS UNINSTRUCTED AND SPEAKING ONLY IN PERSONAL CAPACITY.

2. OFFICERS; BOTH LEBANON (GHORRA) AND PAKISTAN (ALLANA) SEEKING PRESIDENCY. PERSONAL PREFERENCES IN FAVOR OF GHORRA BUT IT AGREED THAT DECISION RESTS WITH ASIAN GROUP. NO DECISION ON WEO SLOT AS EITHER ONE OF VICE CHAIRMEN OR RAPPORTEUR. (SSION NOT PREVIOUSLY INFORMED OF GHORRA CANDIDACY.)

3. DOCUMENTATION: DUTCH REP STATED HE TOLD BY SECT THAT MOST DOCUEMENTS WOULD NOT BE READY FOR DISTRIBUTION PRIOR TO CONVENING OF GENEVA SESSION.

4. RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE: DUTCH REP FLOATED IDEA OF SETTING UP  
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TEN-MAN WORKING GROUPS (2 FROM EACH REGIONAL GROUPS) UNDER AGENDA

ITEM ON ORGANIZATION OF WORK. WG WOULD BE CHARGED WITH PRODUCING SINGLE TEXT OF DECLARATION USING DUTCH-SWEDISH DRAFT SUBMITTED 29TH UNGA THIRD COMITE AS BASIC WORKING DOCUMENT. (DUTCH ARGUED MERITS OF HAVING SINGLE BASIC DOCUMENT IN FRONT OF WG AND EMPHASIZED THAT THIS DID NOT PRECLUDE CONSIDERATION OF OTHER TEXTS OR COMMENTS OF GOVERNMENTS.) GENERAL CONSENSUS OF MEETING SUPPORTED IDEA OF ESTABLISHING A WG BUT MAJORITY SUPPORTED 12-MAN GROUPS FOLLOWING MORE NORMAL GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION (AF-3, LA-2, WEO-3, ASIANS-2, EE-2). FRG REP INSISTED THAT TO AVOID REPEAT OF SOVIET BLOC FILIBUSTER AT 30TH SESSION, IT MUST BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT WG WOULD VOTE ON CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES. INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION OF NEED TO OBTAIN NON-ALIGNED SUPPORT OF BOTH ACTIVITIES OF WG AND OF FINAL TEXT IF REAL PROGRESS IS TO BE ACHIEVED.

5. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: FRENCH REP SUGGESTED THAT EFFORT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TOWARD IDENTIFYING AREAS IN WHICH THE GENERAL AGREEMENT AND ACTUALLY FORMULATING STANDARDS IN THESE AREAS. HE PROPOSED MEDICAL STANDARDS AS ONE SUCH AREA AND SAID THAT USSR HAD INFORMALLY AGREED THAT PROGRESS COULD BE MADE HERE BUT WAS STILL CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT MIGHT FOLLOW. HE CONCLUDED BY NOTING THAT STANDARDS COULD ONLY BE FORMULATED BY CONSENSUS PROCEDURES. WHILE NOT OBJECTING TO FRENCH SUGGESTION, SEVERAL REPS QUESTIONED IMPLICIT PRIORITY TO BE GIVEN TO "EASY" AREAS. US REP INDICATED PREFERENCE FOR MOVING FORWARD IN ALL AREAS SIMULTANEOUSLY AND NOTED DANGER THAT SPLITTING OFF SUB-TOPICS MIGHT RESULT IN BURYING SOME AREAS OF MAJOR INTEREST TO WEOS. GENERAL CONSENSUS IN FAVOR OF SOME SORT OF DRAFTING COMITE TO SET WORK PROGRAM ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WHICH WOULD FIRSTLY FOCUS ON COMPLETION OF DATA GATHERING AND THEN PERHAPS IDENTIFYING AREAS IN WHICH STANDARDS COULD BE FORMULATED. MOST REPS PRESENT FELT THAT USSR WOULD NOT BRING UP DRAFT DECLARATION SURFACED AT 29TH GA.

6. SUB-COMMISSION ELECTION: NINE WEOS (ITALY, DENMARK, US, UK, FRANCE, TURKEY, NETHERLANDS, GREECE AND AUSTRIA) VYING FOR SIX SEATS. IT ACCEPTED WITHOUT DISCUSSION THAT PERMANENT MEMBERS OF SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD BE ELECTED. QUESTION REVOLVED AROUND WORKING OUT SOME SORT OF ROTATION PRINCIPLE WHICH WOULD PERMIT REMAINING WEO COUNTRIES TO BE ON EITHER HRC OR SUB-COMMISSION. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(ITALIAN AND AUSTRIAN REPS CLEARLY TARGET OF THESE COMMENTS BUT ARGUED IN TURN THAT SUB-COMMISSION WAS EXPERT RATHER THAN OFFICIAL BODY.) GENERALLY CONCLUDED THAT THIS IS MATTER TO BE RESOLVED AT WEO AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL.

7. WORK PROGRAM: OF WEOS, ITALY, UK, FRG, US AND NETHERLANDS HAVE SUBMITTED RESPONSES TO RES 10. IN GENERAL, RESPONSES AGREED ON NEED TO IMPROVE WORK PROCEDURES (E.G., GROUPING OF ITEMS),

MORE ATTENTION TO SUB-COMMISSION REPORTS AND STUDIES, AND NEED TO IMPROVE 1503 PROCEDURES. SEVERAL REPS TOOK ISSUE WITH STATEMENT IN DUTCH PAPER WHICH IMPLICITLY WIDENED MANDATE OF HRC TO COVER ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL EMERGENCIES, ARGUING THAT WHILE SUCH DIFFUSION LIKELY, IT BETTER IN FIRST INSTANCE TO ATTEMPT TO FOCUS HRC TOWARD CLEAR HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT CONCEPT OF GROUPING AGENDA ITEMS NEEDED SPECIFICATION AND REPS AGREED TO QUERY HOME OFFICES. FEELING WAS THAT IN STATEMENTS UNDER THIS ITEM AT 31ST SESSION, DELS COULD INDICATE POSSIBLE PATTERNS OF GROUPING AND CALL ON SECT TO MAKE PRELIMINARY REPORT BASED ON COMMENTS AT HRC. FRG ARGUED CAUTION IN REVISING WORK PATTERNS FOR FEAR THAT NON-WEOS COULD TURN EXERCISE AGAINST OUR INTERESTS. CRITICAL QUESTION IS NATURE OF RESPONSES OF NON-WEO MEMBERS OF HRC, LACKING KNOWLEDGE OF WHICH NO FIRM DECISIONS COULD BE MADE.

8. CHILE WAS ONLY BRIEFLY DISCUSSED IN RUMP SESSION FOLLOWING ABOVE MEETING WITH ONLY NETHERLANDS, FRG, AUSTRIA, UK AND US PRESENT. UK REPEATED ITS INTERESTS AS OUTLINED REFTEL. FRG AND FRENCH REPS COMMENTED THAT INDICATIONS FROM SANTIAGO WERE THAT IF ANYTHING, GOC WOULD TAKE HARDER LINE AT HRC THAN AT 29TH GA AND MIGHT PULL BACK FROM PREVIOUS WILLINGNESS TO PERMIT OUTSIDE INVESTIGATIONS. OTHER WEO REPS ALSO FELT THAT IT NOT DESIRABLE TO CONSOLIDATE THE TWO CHILE AGENDA ITEMS, IF ONLY TO PROTECT THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE 1503 PROCEDURES.

9. COMMENT: GROUP LESS TURKEY WILL MEET AGAIN ON TUESDAY, JAN 14, WHEN CHILE QUESTION WILL BE FOCUS OF ATTENTION. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE FROM DEPT, BOTH ON CHILE AND ON ANY OTHER ISSUES OF INTEREST.  
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